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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit of Dr. Condon to NPIC, 20 February 1967

1. The U.S. Air Force has let a $300,000 contract to the University of Colorado to study reported UFO sightings. Brig. Gen. Edward B. Gillers, USAF, is senior Air Force contact and Dr. Thomas Rachford is senior Air Force Scientist on the project. The senior scientist from the University of Colorado is Dr. E.U. Condon.

2. On 20 February 1967 at 0915 Dr. Condon and four members of his investigative team visited NPIC. With Dr. Condon were Dr. Richard Lowe, University of Colorado, Dr. David Saunders, University of Colorado, Dr. William Price, Executive Director of AFRST, and Dr. Rachford, USAF. The purpose of this visit was to familiarize Dr. Condon and members of his team with selected photogrammetric and photographic analysis capabilities of NPIC.

3. The clearance level for the meeting was SECRET.

4. Upon arrival at NPIC, 0915, escorted the group to Mr. Lundahl's office. In the ensuing 10-15 minute discussion between Mr. Lundahl and Dr. Condon the following points were clearly established:

a. Any work performed by NPIC to assist Dr. Condon in his investigation will not be identified as work accomplished by CIA. Dr. Condon was advised by Mr. Lundahl to make no reference to CIA in regard to this work effort. Dr. Condon stated that if he felt it necessary to obtain an official CIA comment he would make a separate distinct entry into CIA not related to contacts he has with NPIC.

b. NPIC will not prepare any written comments, will not analyze information with the intent of drawing a conclusion, nor prepare written reports. NPIC personnel

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will be available to assist Dr. Condon by performing work of a photogrammetric nature, such as attemptong to measure objects imaged on photographs that may be part of Dr. Condon's analysis. Work performed by NPIC will be strictly of a technical nature using services and equipment generally not available elsewhere.

5. Following this brief discussion in Mr. Lundahl's office the group adjourned to the conference room where a series of briefings was presented to Dr. Condon and his group. Following a short introduction by the following briefings were presented:

a. General discussion of photogrammetry, including definition, terminology and, in general, what photogrammetry is and what it can do. presented this discussion.

b. followed with a presentation of the analysis he had been conducting on UFO photography furnished NPIC by Dr. Rachford. discussion was of a general nature and outlined the problems he had encountered because of lack of basic information, such as camera focal length, make of camera, unspecified enlargements, etc.

c. then gave a general discussion on the microdensitometer and its application to image analysis.

d. followed this with a presentation on isodensitometer experiments he has been conducting.

e. then escorted the group into the new clean area where they viewed and discussed the isodensitometer and the new Mann Microdensitometer.

f. Returning to the conference room, briefed the group on measuring instruments used in and followed by a general presentation on the success and failure had experienced in trying to measure objects imaged on the second UFO project assigned Following this discussion then conducted the group into the instrument area where the Point Transfer Device, Mann 880 Comparator, the Benson-Lehner Plotter and the NRI were viewed by the group.

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6. At about 1215 escorted the group back to Mr. Lundahl's office where a general discussion on UFOs ensued. At about 1235 the group adjourned to lunch and following lunch they left NPIC for a meeting with Brig.Gen Gillers at the pentagon.

7. Most all the discussion during the morning was of an unclassified nature dealing with primary basic fundamentals of photogrammetry, photographic analysis and problems related to the acquiring of enough information to conduct meaningful analyses.

